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SENATE BILL 1224

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR
OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICAL UNITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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A. A law enforcement officer who participates in operations conducted by special weapons and tactical units shall wear a standard service uniform with standard identification or a special raid uniform that clearly identifies the officer's affiliation with a local, state or federal law enforcement agency and the officer's badge number. A special raid uniform shall identify the officer's affiliation and badge number on the front and back of the uniform in letters and numbers that are not smaller than five inches in height and that are light reflecting.

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B. A law enforcement officer who participates in operations conducted by special weapons and tactical units shall not wear ski masks, hoods or other apparel that conceal facial features.

C. If bullet-proof vests or other outer garments are worn by a law enforcement officer who participates in operations conducted by special weapons and tactical units, the vest or outer garment shall identify the officer's affiliation and badge number on the front and back of the vest or garment in letters and numbers that are not smaller than five inches in height and that are light reflecting.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

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B. A law enforcement officer who participates in operations conducted by special weapons and tactical units may

1 wear a ski mask, hood or any other apparel that conceals his
2 facial features when tear gas, diversion devices or diversion
3 tactics might be used during an operation.

4 C. The provisions of this section shall not be
5 interpreted to limit a law enforcement officer's discretion to
6 use camouflage clothing or any other apparel as a tactic to make
7 an entry or make an arrest when there are circumstances
8 attendant to the entry or arrest that place the officer's life
9 at risk.

10 D. A law enforcement officer who is attached to or
11 affiliated with a special weapons and tactical unit shall
12 acquire forty hours of tactical training each fiscal year. A
13 law enforcement officer shall not participate in any operations
14 conducted by a special weapons or tactical unit if he has not
15 acquired the required amount of tactical training in any fiscal
16 year.

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